



The NOAA Preserve America Initiative Mini Grant Program (PAIG) is in response to President Bush's call to federal agencies to preserve and highlight historical assets (such as shipwrecks, historical sites, buildings, instruments, documents, photographs, important people and their careers, and other materials that have helped advance knowledge of the environment). NOAA continues to lead the way for federal agencies in implementing the Preserve America Initiative.

Proposed projects under this mini-grant program should provide innovative ways to preserve and showcase NOAA assets that represent the Agency's heritage and contributions of science, service, and stewardship to the nation. Project proposals can vary in scope from interpreting historic and cultural assets in NOAA's care to capturing oral histories of NOAA stakeholder groups, including fishermen, Native Americans, and Western Pacific indigenous communities.

Projects from FY05 through FY08 have been very diverse and have been a tremendous success. In an effort to support more worthwhile projects, this year's grant requests for projects may not exceed \$12,000. The total available funding each year has been approximately \$100,000.

NOAA Preserve America Initiative Mini Grants are awarded only to NOAA offices, although other federal, state, tribal, Native Hawaiian, other native cultures, academic and non-profit organizations can act as partners. Projects should be designed to address a specific need and be completed within a calendar year. Ongoing projects will be considered, and phased multi-year approaches are eligible although ongoing funding is not guaranteed. Projects that can be replicated are encouraged.

The program committee has strived to make the process straightforward and uncomplicated. **Pre-proposals must be submitted on the one-page form by December 17, 2008.** Invited full proposals will be announced mid-January 2009, are limited to five (5) pages, and will be due February 13, 2009. Please contact the program coordinator if you have any questions.

General Timeline

November 14, 2008	Mini Grant opportunity announced
December 17, 2008	One page Pre-Proposals due
January 16, 2009	Approved pre-proposals announced & invited to submit full proposals
February 13, 2009	Deadline for receipt of Full Proposals
April 15, 2009	Announcement of selected proposals, <i>subject to availability of funds</i>
September 1, 2009	All project funds must be obligated

For information:

P/A Initiative Mini Grant website: <http://preserveamerica.noaa.gov/welcome.html>

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